GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL POLICY FOR HAWKERS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any national policy for Hawkers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (MHUPA) has informed that National Policy on Urban Street Vendors was formulated in the year 2004. The salient features of the policy are given in the Annexure.

(c): Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

ANNEXURE
ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA USQ NO. 2111 FOR 30.11.2007.

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE NATIONAL POLICY ON URBAN STREET VENDORS-2004.

To give vendors legal status by amending, enacting, repealing and implementing appropriate laws and providing legitimate hawking zones in urban development/ zoning plans.

To provide facilities for appropriate use of identified space including the creation of hawking zones in the urban development/zoning plans.

To eschew imposing numerical limits on access to public spaces by discretionary licenses and instead moving to nominal fee-based regulation of access. Where market forces like price, quality and demand will determine the number of vendors that can be sustained. Such a demand cannot be unlimited.

To make street vendors a special component of the urban development/zoning plans by treating them as an integral and legitimate part of the urban distribution system.

To promote self-compliance amongst Street vendors.

To promote organizations of Street vendors e.g. Unions/ Co-operatives/ Associations and other forms of organization to facilitate their empowerment.

To set up participatory mechanisms with representation by urban vendors organizations, (Unions/ Co-operatives/ Associations), Voluntary organizations, local authorities, the police, Residents Welfare Association (RWA) and others for orderly conduct of urban vending activities.

To take measures for promoting a better future for child vendors by making appropriate interventions for their rehabilitation and schooling.

To facilitate/ promote social security (pension, insurance etc) and access to credit for Street vendors through promotion of SHGs/Co-operatives/Federations/ Micro-Finance Institutions (MFIs) etc.